

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

1. (Currently Amended) Monitoring system for monitoring the progress of neurological diseases, comprising

-- at least one observation station (3) with an electronic camera (9) automatically controlled for recording video motion pictures and devices (10) for marking an object field to be covered by the camera (9),

-- [[a]] an automatic storage device for the digital storage of video motion pictures of a patient, which are to be recorded at preselected intervals by the camera (9) in the observation station (3),

-- a video display device (7) for displaying the ~~video~~ picture sequence of the video motion pictures of the patient when desired,

-- an image processing system for automatically processing the video motion pictures of the patient recorded in time intervals to obtain a ~~shortened video picture~~ sequence of video

motion pictures of the patient which is short compared with the time intervals,

wherein the system is operative ~~intended~~ for monitoring a large number of patients who visit the at least one observation station (3) at different times, and wherein the observation station (3) comprises devices (14) for automatic patient identification, and the storage device and image processing system are configured for patient-specific image storage and processing in coordination with identification data.

2. (Previously presented) System in accordance with Claim 1, comprising a plurality of observation stations (3) and a central evaluation center spatially separated from the observation stations, wherein the central evaluation center contains the video display device (7) and is configured to be connected with the observation stations for the purpose of data transmission.

3. (Previously presented) System in accordance with Claim 2, wherein the central evaluation center consists of a computer.

4. (Previously presented) System in accordance with Claim 2, wherein the observation station contains a computer unit (11) connected to the electronic camera.

5. (Previously presented) System in accordance with Claim 4, wherein the computer unit (11) is provided for data communication with the central evaluation center (1) and contains the storage device and the processing system.

6. (Canceled)

7. (Previously presented) System in accordance with Claim 1, wherein the electronic camera (9) can be controlled by input into the patient identification device (14).

8. (Previously presented) System in accordance with Claim 1, comprising a programmable signaling device which is carried by the patient and produces signals that remind the patient to take his medication and/or to go to the observation station.

9. (Previously presented) System in accordance with Claim 8, further comprising devices (15, 20) for automatic programming of the signaling device on the basis of input data.

10. (Previously presented) System in accordance with Claim 1, further comprising devices for automatic coordination of observation times.

11. (Previously presented) System in accordance with Claim 1, wherein the image processing system is configured to go beyond sequencing to process the recorded images themselves.

12. (Previously presented) System in accordance with Claim 3, wherein the computer is a personal computer (4).